

We are excited to announce our plan to reopen our campus! Starting Sunday, June 7, we will be holding in-person services every Sunday at 9:30am, and 11:30am. If you are healthy (please see limitations below), we encourage you to prayerfully consider joining us in-person. We do understand that continuing to worship online may be the best option for you, so please know that we will still be offering **LIVE services on YouTube and Facebook every Sunday at 9:30am and 11:30am.**

## SERVICE TIME UPDATES

To be as cautious as possible and make in-person experiences safe and enjoyable for everyone, we have decided to transition from a three service weekend experience to a two-service weekend experience. **Services will be held in person and online on Sunday mornings at 9:30, and 11:30am.**

## GUIDELINES FOR MEETING IN-PERSON

We want to be clear: **our desire to meet together does not outweigh our desire to protect the most vulnerable in our communities.** Because of this, it is important to know that we will be modifying our environments and services to reflect both of these values, and we will re-evaluate our protocols regularly and make adjustments based on both national and local data.

While we'd love to see each of you in-person on Sunday, June 7, we understand there are some limitations that may prevent you from attending. If you find you have any of the following symptoms, then **please join us online:**

- Fever over 100
- Cough or sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Have been around anyone confirmed to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days

Whether or not you are able to return to physical gatherings at this time, the most important thing is that we stay spiritually and relationally connected as a church family. We will continue to offer a **live stream each week on Facebook and YouTube.**

## WHAT TO EXPECT IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US:

- **Masks are strongly encouraged**, but not required. We recognize there are a lot of opinions out there regarding this topic. However, the counsel we have received from multiple physicians is that wearing a mask is one way we can help protect others, especially from those who may be asymptomatic carriers. All staff and volunteers will be wearing masks, so you won't be alone if you wear one!
- We will have staff and volunteers stationed to open doors for you.

- Upon entry to the building, **you will be asked to sanitize your hands**. We will have hand sanitizing stations throughout the campus.
- We will not be providing coffee, and our cafe will be closed.
- We will not hand out the worship guide, sermon notes, or other materials.
- We will practice social distancing by encouraging “air hugs” and hand waves.
- Seating in the Worship Room will be adjusted to accommodate social distancing between families.
- **We will not offer Preschool, Kids, or Student Ministry services at this time.** Our Preschool and Kids leadership will provide digital resources for children to use during the service on your devices. We recommend you bring your charged device and a pair of headphones. If you are worried your child(ren) will be uncomfortable in the service, you might consider attending our online campus until these ministries are able to reopen.
- We will clean high-traffic areas, including restroom facilities, between services.
- We will receive our regular offering by way of boxes/baskets on campus, but we also encourage giving online at [Cof.church](#) or the [COF Houston App](#).

**All COF services this weekend (May 30+31) will be online only.** Our reopening will begin on Sunday, June 7.

The one thing that hasn't changed throughout this season is our desire to connect people to God and one another. Thank you for helping us do just that each and every day!

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## FAQS

**What are the safety precautions for coming to church and why should I follow them, especially if I'm healthy?**

At Community of Faith, we believe love is the mission. The best way to demonstrate the love of Jesus is to ***serve one another in love and consider others' needs more than our own***. Many people with COVID are asymptomatic and “feel fine” but would unknowingly be putting others at risk. To love others, we request you:

- Wash your hands often/thoroughly; wear a mask throughout your on-campus experience
- Practice social distancing (6 feet) with people outside of your household (even if you see others who are not doing so!)
- Stay home if you (or anyone in your household) have shown any symptoms of illness within the last 14 days
- Walk in grace as you encounter any roadblocks or challenges; **we're all in this together** and

doing things we've never done before

### **What is provided for families with kids at this time?**

We are not offering on-site Children's Ministry or childcare yet. However, we have many resources to help families grow relationally and spiritually!

- Join COF Kids on Facebook [HERE!](#)
  - Watch weekly worship online - Family Discussion Questions for each week's message are included on this page
  - We have a sample daily schedule to provide some structure to your day (along with a variety of suggested activities)
  - Weekly lessons for you and your kids are also provided
- Consider worshipping together as a family (in-person) if your child(ren) are able to sit through a 65-minute service

### **What is the next phase/tier of ministry going to look like?**

There are many factors to be considered as we carefully think about next steps. We desire to faithfully walk in grace, work well with local, state, and national leaders, and minister effectively for Jesus Christ. As we continue to learn more, we will send out updates through email, social media, weekend announcements, and our website. We desire to reopen more and more ministries to spiritually serve you, your family, and all the people of our community.